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FOLLOWING REPEAT ATHENS 8339 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 8339

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, MPOL, GR, TU, US  
SUBJECT: EXERCISE PHIBLEX 2-7T

REF: (A) STATE 201143 (DTG 122337Z AUG 76), (B) CJUSMAGG  
121145Z AUG 76) (NOTAL), (C) CJUSMAGG 121644Z AUG 76 (NOTAL)

1. BY REF B, WHICH CROSSED WITH REF A, WE REPORTED OUR  
USE OF THE APPROVED PHIBLEX 2-7T GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO  
AN AP QUERY. PRESS REACTION TO THAT STATEMENT SO FAR HAS  
BEEN FAIRLY OBJECTIVE, ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC DATES AND EXACT  
LOCATION ARE NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

2. DCM STEARNS SPOKE WITH MINDEF AVEROFF ABOUT THE FORE-  
GOING, AND ADVISED HIM WE WOULD REFER ANY FURTHER PRESS  
QUERIES ON THEPHIBLEX TO THE GOG PER REF C. (OUR CONCERN  
IS THAT WE AVOID AN OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE EXER-  
CISE WHICH COULD LEAD TO A GOG-INITIATED CANCELLATION.)  
AVEROFF, WHILE WORRIED THAT "EXTREMIST ELEMENTS" MIGHT  
NOW ORGANIZE A "RECEPTION" FOR THE MARINES, GAVE NO  
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INDICATION THAT HE WANTED TO CANCEL THE EXERCISE.

3. I DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD UNILATERALLY  
CANCEL OR DEFER THE EXERCISE AT THIS POINT - ALTHOUGH I  
ALSO AM MORE THAN A LITTLE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT IT.

4. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THE UNSC DEBATE IN NEW YORK SHOULD  
DEVELOP IN A WAY WHICH LEADS TO A STRONG GREEK REACTION  
AGAINST THE US, WE MAY HAVE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION.

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